Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, John Bender has been a devoted servant to the people of South Dakota since joining the South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) in Sisseton as an interviewer on July 2, 1969, and will retire with 39 years of service; and,

Whereas, John continued to work for the DOL for 39 years, serving as the Sisseton Career Center Manager and an unemployment insurance benefits hearing examiner in Aberdeen. John subsequently became a hearing representative and presented the DOL's position to the administrative law judge in unemployment insurance appeal hearings; and,

Whereas, John is viewed as an expert in his field and a respected mentor to his co-workers; and,

Whereas, John has served the people of this great state well, devoting the majority of his working life to the citizens of the state of South Dakota, and will be missed by all who know him; and,

Whereas, John will spend more time during retirement with his wife, Jean, five children, and eight grandchildren, and will continue to offer his talents and leadership to his church. He will devote more time and effort to hunting and fishing, and enjoy the solitude and rewards of working on his farm, accompanied by his black lab, Sidney; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this fine employee as his co-workers, friends, and family gather on June 5, 2008, to celebrate his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2008, as

JOHN BENDER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State